(c) The number of cases of crime reported in Delhi during the last three years and upto 30th June, 2004 in which persons of Bangladeshi origin were involved are given below:

SI. No.	Crime Head	Number of cases			
		2001	2002	2003	2004 (Upto 30th June)
1.	Murder	2	1	2	2
2.	Attempt to murder	1	1	0	1
3.	Dacoity	1	6	6	3
4.	Robbery	1	2	3	5
5.	Snatching	1	0	0	0
6.	Riot	0	1	0	0
7.	Rape	1	0	0	0
	TOTAL:	7	11	11	11

Mathania Solar Energy Plant in Rajasthan

†*436. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the installation and construction work of Mathania Solar Energy Plant in Jodhpur district of Rajasthan is pending for more than a decade;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) While the proposal for the establishment of a solar thermal power plant at .Mathania in the Jodhpur district of Rajasthan has been under development and consideration for a long-time, the final detailed project report acceptable to various funding agencies was submitted only in the year 1998. After techno-economic evaluation and appraisal, the project was sanc-

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

tioned by the Government in the year 2000. The project envisaged the establishment of a 140 MW Integrated Solar Combined Cycle power plant with naphtha as the fuel for the combined cycle part. Due to a sharp increase in the prices of naphtha it was decided in 2001 to use Re-gasified Liquid Natural Gas (R-LNG) as a fuel. The Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation (RREC), the project implementing agency, went through the process of pre-qualification of contractors and inviting bids for turn-key execution and operation and maintenance of the project. As no financial bids were received inspite of repeated extensions, the RREC and their consultants prepared a modified bidding process. The RREC negotiated with Gas Authority of India Limited for the supply of natural gas to the project. These factors have resulted in delay in starting construction work of the project.

The Ministry has considered it essential to go in for a review of the techno-economic viability of the project because of the following factors:—

(i) there has been change in the fuel component of the project from naphtha to gas for which a 350 km. long gas pipeline will need to be laid by GAIL,

(ii) there may be a need to revise the project cost on account of change in prices of imported equipment,

(iii) there is a general lowering of domestic lending rates which may render foreign loans unattractive,

(iv) the power purchase agreement with suitable guarantees from the State Government is yet to be signed with the distribution companies,

(v) doubts have been cast on the project's technical viability because of the inability of the bidders to give performance guarantees for the integrated plant, and

(vi) CEA is examining the calculations submitted by RREC with gas as the fuel.

(c) It is not feasible to indicate a completion date for the project at this stage.